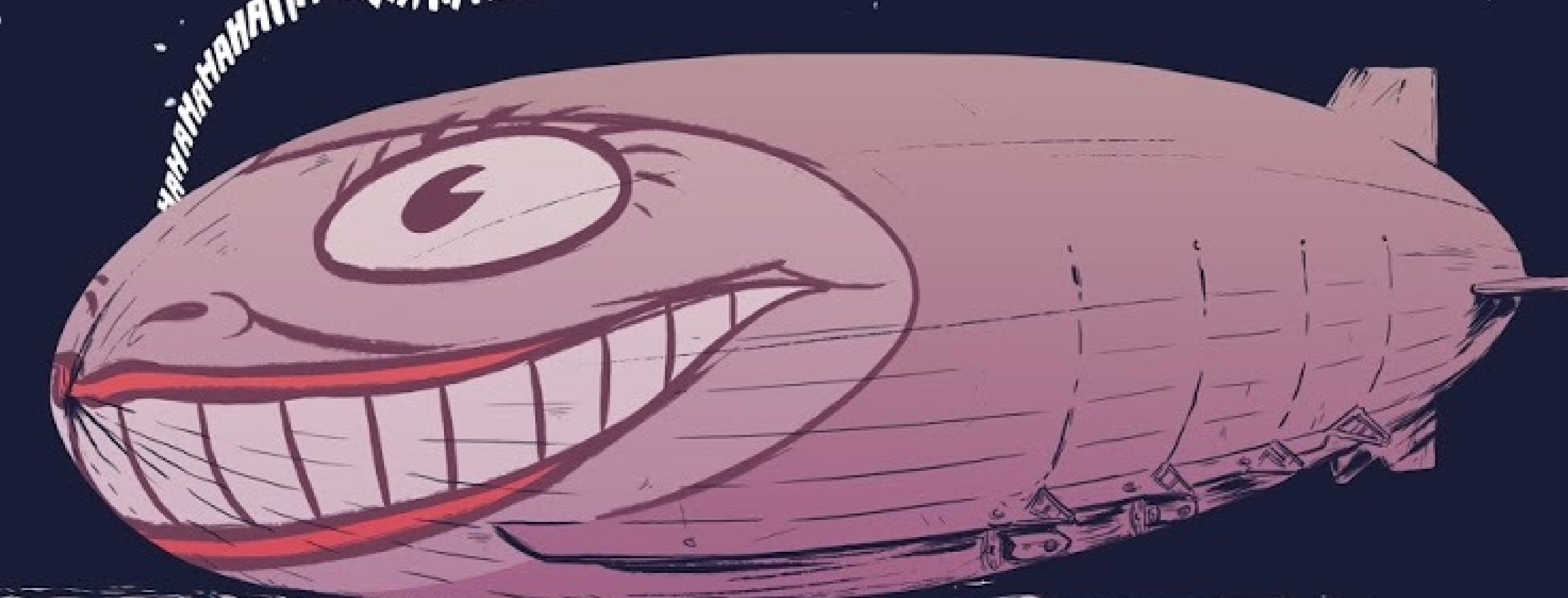

THE DEAL
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ALFRED...
OH MY GOD...
PLEASE GOD...
I'M SO ...SORRY





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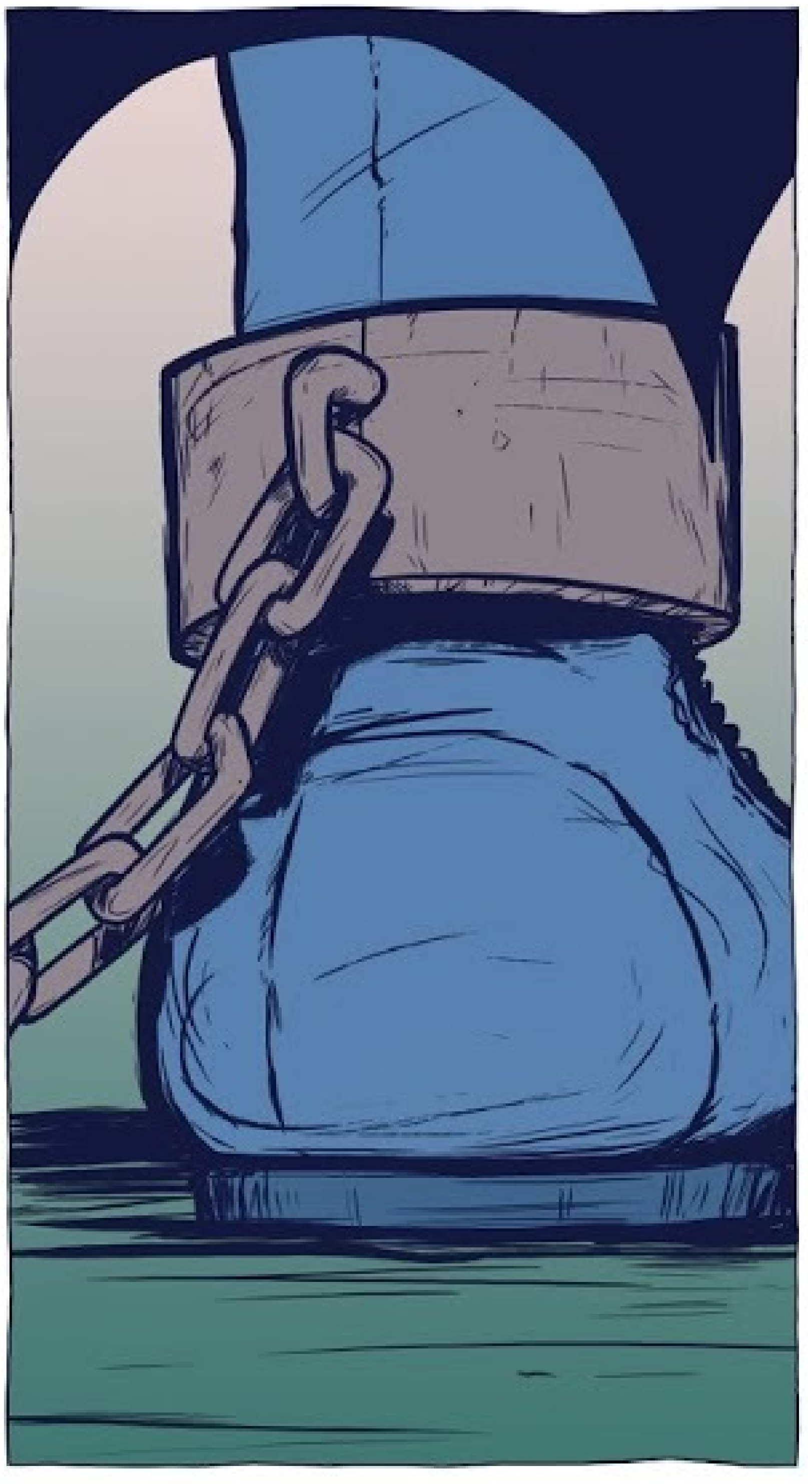
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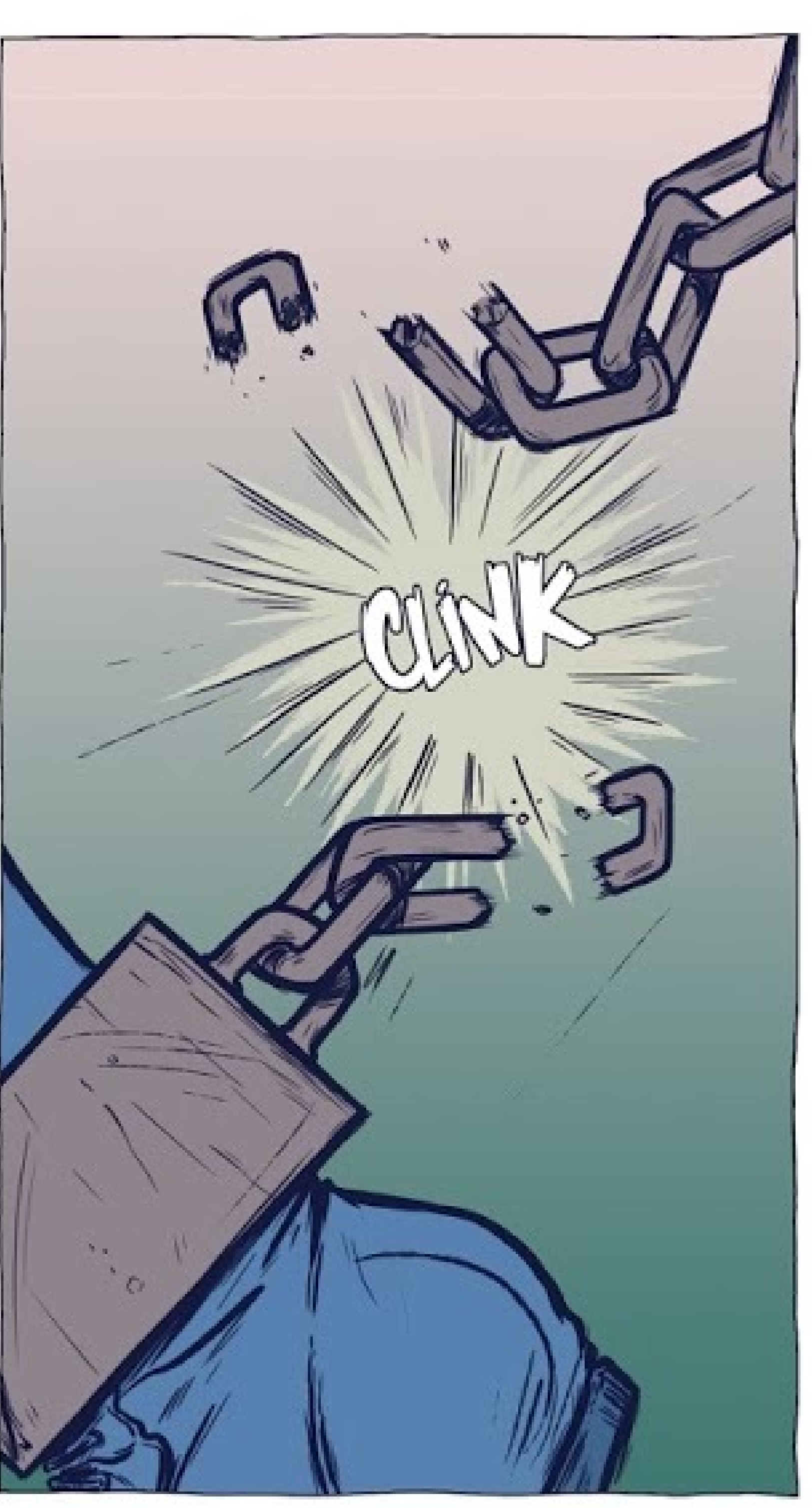
POISON GAS

HAZARD

TRAPDOOR 2








HA, HA, HA...


WHY?


POW


SLAM
WHY?


BLOW


WHY?


BASH


PLEASE ...
WHY?


THAT WAS
THE DEAL

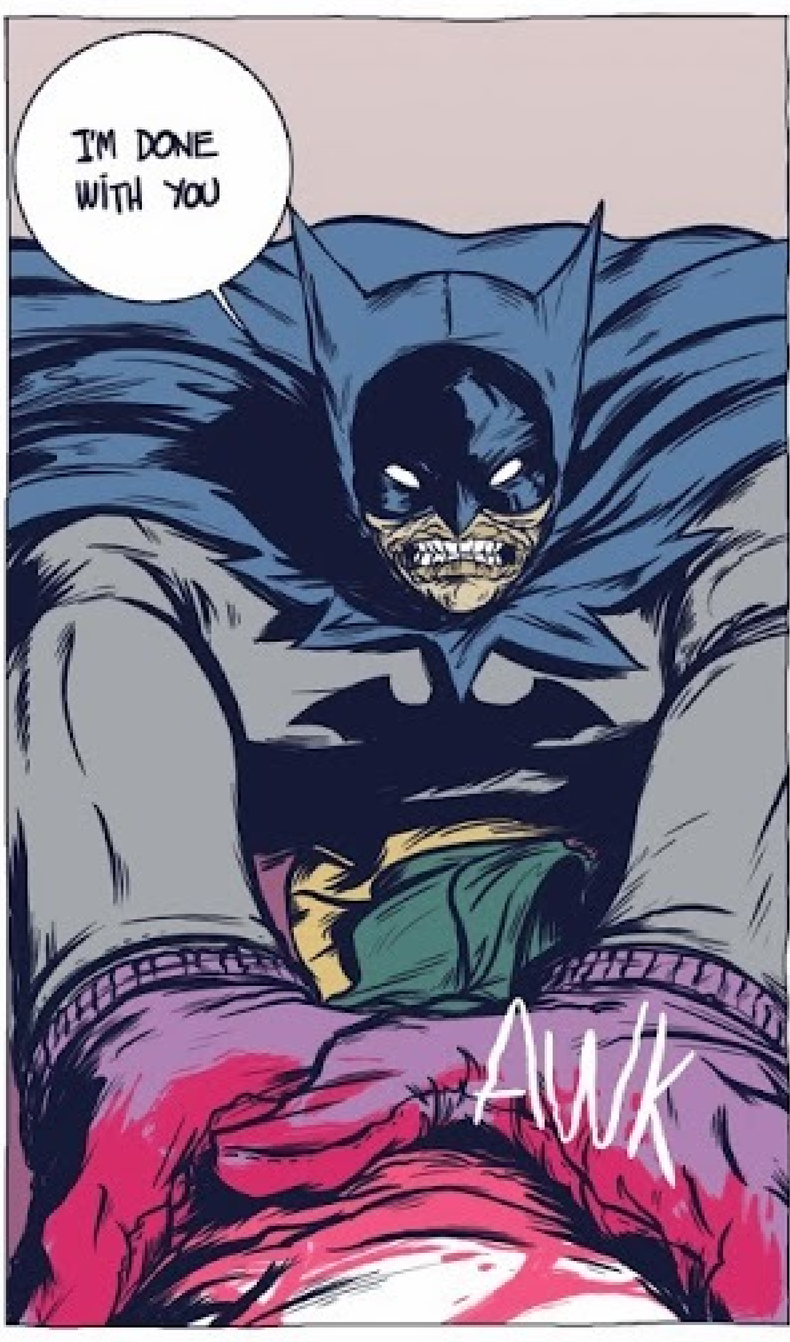

WHAT?


SOCK




WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU TALKIG
ABOUT?


THAT WAS THE
DEAL BRUCE
AWK


I'M DONE
WITH YOU
AWK


THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
DETECTIVE
AND YOU
STILL CAN'T
FIGURE
IT OUT.


AUGHH


I'M GONNA SEND YOU TO HELL.
HELL? BRUCE, YOU'RE SMARTER THAN THAT.
YOU LOVE ME.


GO TO HELL.

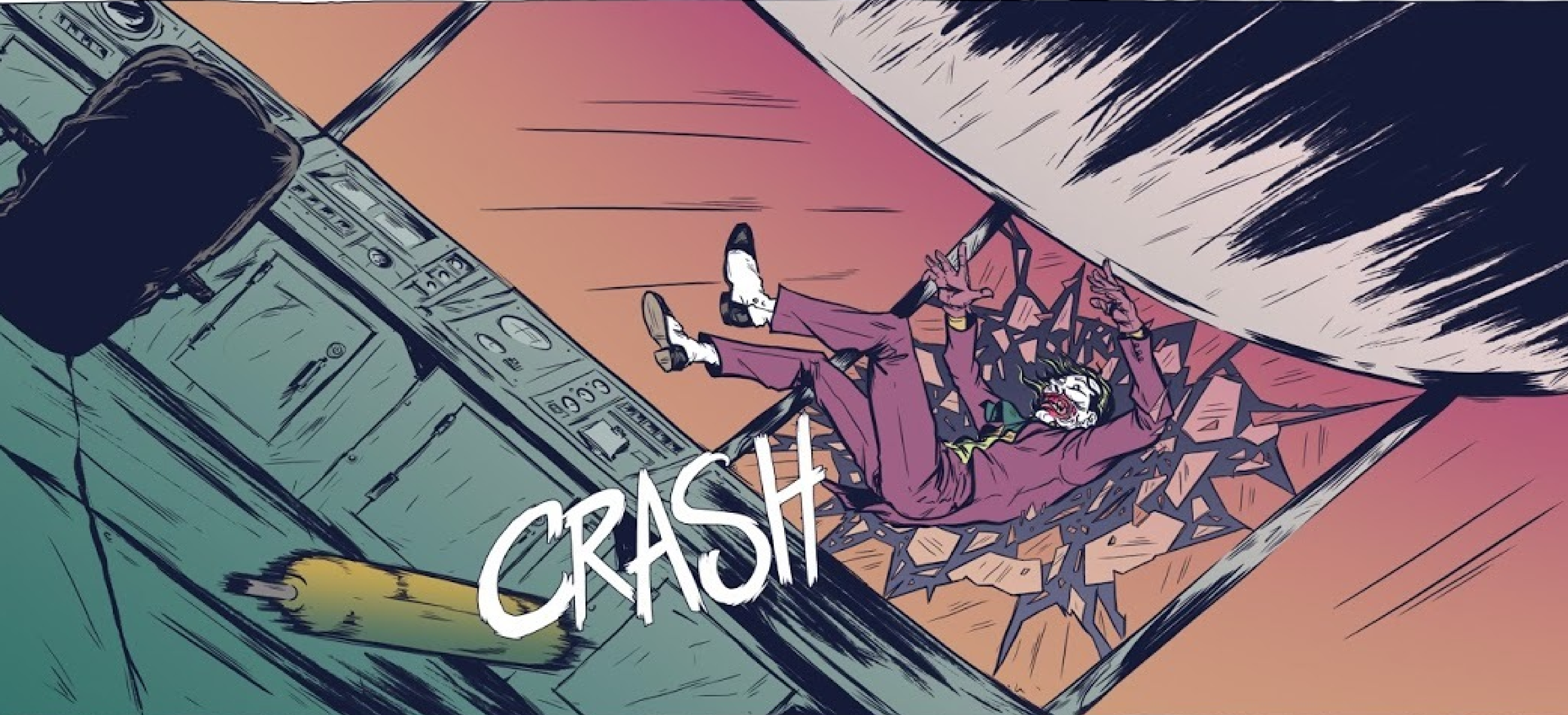

POW


CRACK


BOOM




DASH


CRASH


AAARGH




TAP


YOU KEEP HOLDING ON BRUCE.
THIS ENDS NOW.
YESSS!!!


YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
I DO THE THINGS I DO BECAUSE YOU ASKED ME TO. I DO THE THINGS I DO...

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

SHUT UP!


THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE, THE THINGS YOU HAVE DONE...

I PROMISED YOU, THAT I WOULD DO MY BEST TO PUSH YOU, YOU SAID IT BRUCE, "BREAK ME" YOUR WORDS, NOT MINE

YOU'RE INSANE


I'M NOT CRAZY I'M JUST ...AWAKEN.
YOU REALLY DON'T REMBER BRUCE? BEING ONE? LOVING ME? I THINK I WAS YOUR WIFE ONCE, BRUCE. WE'RE SOULMATES.
I'VE BEEN THE GOOD GUY, YOU'VE BEEN THE BAD GUY, THIS IS HOW WE LEARN.
YOU LOVE ME AND I LOVE YOU, AND NO MATER WHAT YOU DO IN THIS LIFE THAT IS NEVER GOING TO CHANGE.
I LOVE YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN CLOSE TO DYING, YOU'VE BEEN DEAD, YOU HAVE FELT IT BRUCE. WELL, HERE WE ARE CLOSE TO DYING AGAIN, DO YOU FEEL IT?
I KNOW YOU DO; I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
DO IT BRUCE. I'M TIRED. I WANT TO BE LIGHT AGAIN. GET RID OF THIS BODY.
I MISS BEING NAKED. BEING ME. BEING YOU.
LET GO BRUCE.
IT'S ALL A JOKE.
YOUR PARENTS.
ME. YOU.
FEAR.
IT'S AN ILLUSION.







"THE WORLD IS LIKE A RIDE AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK, AND WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO GO IN IT, YOU THINK IT'S REAL, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW POWERFUL OUR MINDS ARE

AND THE RIDE GOES UP AND DOWN AND ROUND AND ROUND AND IT HAS TRHILLS AND CHILLS AND IT'S VERY BRIGHTLY COLORED AND IT'S VERY LOUD. AND IT'S FUN, FOR A WHILE.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON THE RIDE FOR A LONG TIME, AND THEY BEGIN TO QUESTION: 'IS THIS REAL? OR IS THIS JUST A RIDE?' AND OTHER PEOPLE HAVE REMEMBERED,

AND THEY COME BACK TO US AND THEY SAY 'HEY! DON'T WORRY, DON'T BE AFRAID --EVER-- BECAUSE... THIS IS JUST A RIDE.' AND WE KILL THOSE PEOPLE."

'SHUT HIM UP! WE HAVE A LOT INVESTED IN THIS RIDE! SHUT HIM UP!

LOOK AT MY FURROWS OF WORRY; LOOK AT MY BIG BANK ACCOUNT, AND MY FAMILY. THIS HAS TO BE REAL.'

IT'S JUST A RIDE. BUT WE ALWAYS KILL THOSE GOOD GUYS WHO TRY AND TELL US THAT --EVER NOTICED THAT?-- AND WE LET THE DEMONS RUN AMOK."

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE...

IT'S JUST A RIDE, AND WE CAN CHANGE IT ANY TIME WE WANT.

IT'S ONLY A CHOICE. NO EFFORT. NO WORRY. NO JOB. NO SAVINGS AND MONEY. JUST A CHOICE, RIGHT NOW, BETWEEN FEAR AND LOVE.

THE EYES OF FEAR WANT YOU TO PUT BIGGER LOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, BUY GUNS, CLOSE YOURSELF OFF. THE EYES OF LOVE, INSTEAD, SEE ALL OF US AS ONE.

to Bruce
with love
xoxo




HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO TO CHANGE THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, INTO A BETTER RIDE.
TAKE ALL THAT MONEY WE SPEND ON WEAPONS AND DEFENSE EACH YEAR AND, INSTEAD, SPEND IT FEEDING, CLOTHING AND EDUCATING THE POOR OF THE WORLD, WHICH IT WOULD DO MANY TIMES OVER.
NOT ONE HUMAN BEING EXCLUDED.
AND WE CAN EXPLORE SPACE TOGETHER, BOTH INNER AND OUTTER...
...FOREVER."
-BILL HICKS